



**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES
KNOWN OR LIKELY TO OCCUR
IN
GEARY COUNTY, KANSAS**

American Burying Beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) - Endangered: May occur in suitable grasslands and upland woodlands. Endangered nationally.

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as a regular winter resident. Wintering eagles are dependent upon large water bodies and larger rivers where they feed on waterfowl and fish. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Threatened nationally.

Eastern Spotted Skunk (*Spilogale putorius interrupta*) - Threatened: May occur in suitable habitat. Prefers forest edge and rock outcrops in upland prairie grasslands. Also frequents fencerows, outbuildings, brushpiles, and riparian woodlands.

Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*) - Endangered: Formerly a regular spring migrant using plowed fields, heavily grazed pastures, burned grasslands, and prairie dog towns. Was most common in the eastern 2/3 of the state, but has not been verified in Kansas since 1902. A few birds may still migrate through Kansas. Endangered nationally.

Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) - Endangered: Known to occur as transients or occasional summer visitants. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Endangered nationally.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) - Endangered: Known to occur as an uncommon transient and occasional winter visitant. Prefers marshes, lakes, and rivers where concentrations of waterfowl or other birdlife provide ample prey.

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) - Threatened: Known to nest on sandbars along the Kansas River. May also occur as a summer transient on sparsely vegetated shorelines of shallow lakes, salt flats and open ground in marshes. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Threatened nationally.

Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as a summer visitant or transient on bare flats in wetlands, bare river sandbars, and shorelines of impoundments.

Sturgeon Chub (*Macrhybopsis gelida*) - Threatened: Restricted to larger sandy rivers where they frequent areas swept by currents especially at heads of islands and sandbars. Has been documented in the Kansas and lower Smoky Hill Rivers. The lower Republican may also provide suitable habitat. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Federal candidate.

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Topeka Shiner (*Notropis topeka*) - Threatened: Known to occur in the Clark's Creek drainage. Prefers small streams with high water quality and clean gravel substrate. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Endangered nationally.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) - Threatened: May occur as a local summer resident or seasonal transient at marshes and impoundments but no nesting records.